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Rat Hole Prescribe Burn Prescribed Fire in the Bookcliffs

Vernal, Utah - The Vernal Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would like to advise the public of a prescribed burn in Rat Hole, Tent and West Tent Canyons in the Book Cliffs. The burn will take place on this Thursday (16) and Friday (17) and will encompass 7,500 acres. The purpose of the burn is to reduce hazardous fuel loads and improve wildlife habitat.

Burn ignition will be done using a plastic sphere dispenser (PSD) machine from a helicopter. Approximately 55 people will be working on the prescribed burn. This includes a helicopter crew, hot shot crew, five engines and overhead personnel.

Due to concerns for public safety, access in the area will be limited during the burning operations. For additional information or questions please contact the Interagency Fire Center at 789-7021.

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